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Hello All-

FYI on my emailing the Highland Star reporter, Lewis Spearman, that there were some factual errors in his story related to the presentations at our Jan. 24th meeting. See <http://starcouriernews.com/sjr-waste-pits-still-a-problem-p1827-1.htm>. Sorry, meant to cc y'all on this. I never received a response from either him or the editor, Gilbert Hoffman.

Thanks-
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Hello Lewis and Gilbert-

Thank you for writing and publishing the article on our January 24th SJRWP public meeting. We really appreciate your helping relay the information to the broader public.

I did want to point out a couple of items, however.

There has been no evidence of any leaking of waste from the pits as a result of the cap erosion. According to the information provided by the EPA, there was erosion (washing away) of rock material on the western berm after a rain event in July 2012, but no compromise of the geomembrane and geotextile material that is between the rock and the wastes, i.e. no tears were seen and no waste was seen. More rock has since been replaced on that area. EPA is receiving engineering reports as to why that has happened.

The more recent issue of thinness of rock material on the eastern side is being investigated now and will be augmented as well. We have not seen any evidence that there is any leaking wastes from the eastern side. FYI that on this eastern side that is submerged, the rock is underlain by only geotextile. The rock thinness was described to me by EPA as possibly resulting from the initial construction or from something else (erosion by currents, waves, etc). It may be a normal maintenance item. EPA will receive reports on this eastern side as well.

Finally, the cap was designed to withstand a 100-year flood event, (a 1% chance of happening in any one year), as opposed to a 200-year flood event (a 0.5% chance of happening in any one year).

HARC has completed summary reports of the cap report and other documents that may be helpful to you; see http://galvbay.org/advocacy_sjrw.html and scroll down to Findings.

Finally, we are planning to add a summary of the whole public meeting, presentation slides, FAQs, and more contact info on the page this week. We may roll out information as it is completed, rather than waiting until it is all ready. I will send you and the others on my e-mail a note when these items are available.

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